

Robert McCausland to Andrew Jackson, February 24, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL ROBERT MCCAUSLAND TO JACKSON.

Pass of Chef Menteur, February 24, 1815.

Sir, Enclosed you have Major Daquins report of desertions last night, from his Batallion, stationed at Camp Chef Menteur; he states to me that unless some rigid steps are taken with those, he expects from the apparent disposition, in a few days to be left without a private to command. Notwithstanding my orders were given, (a few days after I took command of this Post) to the Commanding Officer at the Fortification LaBertonere, to secure and send back to me every person attempting to pass from this Post towards the City, without my written permission, yet the Deserters from this place succeed in getting to Town; Since the arrival of the Guns for the Battery I have generally remained at the pass myself. Lieut Bosque having on the 20th represented to me the lack of Materials for the Battery, which could only be procured in Orleans, was permitted to proceed there to detain them, since which I have heard nothing of him. Nothing observable, from the look out, on either of the Lakes.

I have the Honor to be